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**MS PATENT APPLICATION**  
 Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c), which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of Provisional Application No(s). 60/433,608 and 60/433,593 filed on December 16, 2002.

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For: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR COMMUNICATION AMONG DEVICES

Enclosed are:

- A specification consisting of forty-three (43) pages
- Fifteen (15) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- Applicant does not claim priority
- Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). filed in on
  - Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
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Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow

Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

Preliminary Amendment

Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76

Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)

Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee

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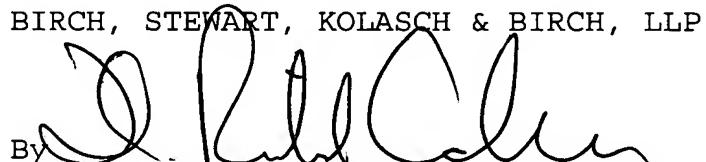
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